

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed on February 23, 2007. Presently, Claims 1, 3-8, 10, 11, 14, and 15 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-7, and 14 have been examined and stand rejected. Claims 8, 10, 11, and 15 are allowed.

The Rejection of Claims 1, 4-7, and 14 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 4-7, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,101,727 (Wiseman).

Claims 1, 4-7, and 14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Rejection of Claims 1, 3, and 14 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 3, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,437,074 (White et al.)

Claims 1, 3, and 14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Rejection of Claims 4-7 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,437,074 (White et al.).

Claims 4-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

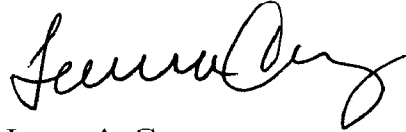
Claims 8, 10, 11, and 15 are indicated to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the cancellation of Claims 1, 3-7, and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner may contact the applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

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